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## HAS REFERENCE TO ELECTRICITY

No Disposition to Mislead Voters As to Sale of the Gas Works.

THE ISSUE CLEARLY DEFINED

If Primary is Held People May Be Asked to Vote on Municipal Ownership.

The story printed in The Times-Dispatch Monday morning, to the effect that in the event of the holding of a city primary this spring, which is altogether unlikely, the voters might be asked to express their views as to whether the city should own its light plant, has caused some comment, and the question has been raised that this might mean the sale of the gas works now owned and operated by the city.

Perhaps the language used in the article referred to was not quite explicit, but there need be no fear on this line. The gentleman who suggested the proposition is a member of the Council, and an ardent advocate of municipal ownership of an electric light plant. He proposes to go before the city committee and ask, if a primary is held, that these words be printed at the bottom of the official ballot: "For a municipal electric light plant."

"Against a municipal electric light plant."

Clearly Defined.

Not only with this language clearly defined the issue, but in the event the matter is submitted, it will be freely and fully discussed before the people, and no one will be justified in the conclusion that there is any remote reference to the sale of the gas works. It is hard to believe that any one would imply to members of the Council ulterior motives in connection with the suggestions that there be an expression of the people on the question or that there is a suspicion anywhere, that a trap would be laid by which, owing to the language used, the city would be voted upon one great question, when they really thought they were passing upon another.

The matter will be brought to the attention of the city committee after Friday night's meeting, if it shall be determined to hold a primary for councilmen and city treasurer.

TO HAVE A NEW TRIAL.

The Case of Austin Johnson Set for April.

The case of the negro, Austin Johnson, charged with criminal assault on a little white girl, Ruth Pinchbeck, in Henrico county, will be set for trial next month in the Henrico Circuit Court, and Mr. Edgar B. English, counsel for the accused, is determined to procure the acquittal of the prisoner.

Johnson barely escaped the gallows at a former trial. He was sentenced to be hanged, but the Court of Appeals granted him a new trial in the very nick of time on the ground of after-discovered evidence.

The detective, Johnson, who figured prominently in the trial as a witness against the accused, then left the city, and is hardly expected to attend the trial next month. The negro will be greatly rejoiced thereat, as he cannot but be profited by the absence of so important a witness.

Mr. English, who has worked earnestly in the negro's behalf in spite of his client's lack of funds, is firmly convinced that Johnson is guiltless, and that he is the victim of mistaken identity.

FREE TREE BOXES.

Ordinance Offered by Captain M. R. Mills Will Be Pushed.

An ordinance of interest, offered by Captain Morgan R. Mills, of Jefferson Ward, and referred to the Committee on Streets, where it is now pending, is that providing that where persons desire to plant shade trees in front of their residences, the city will erect free of charge the boxes for their protection.

The present ordinance on the subject provides that residents may plant trees for shade purposes in front of their houses, or those rented by them, subject to the discretion of the City Engineer, provided they erect and maintain suitable boxes for their protection.

Mr. Mills and others on the Street Committee take the ground that it is a hardship and that inasmuch as ultimately the trees redound to the beauty and benefit of the city the latter should share in the expense.

A large property owner, who is a member of the Street Committee, and who favors the ordinance, said last night that some of his tenants desired shade in front of their houses, but that they did

not have the money to erect the boxes.

The North Pole Hunt.

To-morrow night Anthony Fiala, the noted explorer, will appear at the Central Y. M. C. A., giving the seventh number of the Association Course, his great lecture-entertainment, "Fighting Darkness and Ice," which is illustrated by moving pictures and stereopticon views that are superb. It is a record of adventure and daring rarely equaled, and will attract students of history and lovers of adventure. Mr. Fiala is a young man and a fine speaker. Reserved seats for the night entertainment will be for the matinee to be given at 4 o'clock to boys and girls, are now on sale at the Y. M. C. A. building.

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## NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

City Council Did Not Elect Sanitary Officer Last Night.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A VOTER

Rev. J. K. Jolliffe Makes His Final Answer—Negro Wpman Buried.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street.

The Council in joint session last night did not all the office created by the Moore sanitary ordinance, nor was there a member of the school board elected from the Second Ward to succeed Mr. R. T. Minor, who has moved from the city.

There were several reasons advanced for the failure of the Council to elect a sanitary officer. Of the five candidates for the position whose applications were read, only three were qualified to vote in the spring election. The question arose as to what constituted a qualified voter, and it was deemed wise to have the opinion of the City Attorney upon the subject.

The Council was also of the opinion that the Board of Health should recommend a person for the position since the officer would be directly under the supervision of the president and members of Health Board.

A motion by Alderman Patram, of the Third Ward, that the matter be deferred and the Board of Health notified to at once meet and recommend some one of the candidates who was a qualified voter, was adopted.

The Board of Health will meet tonight if a quorum can be obtained and make the recommendation. The members will request City Attorney Charles L. Page to be present and to give a written opinion as to what constitutes a qualified voter.

The candidates for the position of sanitary inspector who applied last night are Messrs. Charles W. King, of the First Ward; S. P. Cox, James A. Baber and John D. Westcott, of the Fourth Ward, and Edward F. Davis, of the Third Ward.

Of these, Mr. King was not a qualified voter, and there was a question as to whether or not Mr. Baber could be considered a qualified voter.

Mr. Baber, through an oversight did not pay his taxes in time to get on the poll books for the spring election. He cannot under the Constitution vote in the primary in the spring, but he can vote in the fall election. It is, therefore, a question as to what constitutes a qualified voter, and the Council was somewhat divided on the subject.

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I see no reason to change that statement. I had no personal knowledge of Mr. Woodward's membership, nor did I know who was present from time to time at the services of his church. The matter came to me repeatedly, but I did not consider it of sufficient importance to dignify it by notice till the statement of Mr. Woodward's pain and surprise at the publicity given to his name was mentioned. Then it was too late to verify the statement by application to that gentleman himself, as the public statement made by me was prepared late in the evening of Saturday for publication in the afternoon papers of Monday.

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Woman and Child Burned.

Phoebe Young, a negro woman, fifty years of age, and her two-year-old grandchild were terribly burned yesterday afternoon at the home of the woman, on Eighth Street, between Hull and Bainbridge.

The woman was in the yard of her home when she heard her grandchild, who was near an open fire in the house, scream. Running into the room, the woman found the child's clothing in a white blaze. In attempting to smother the flames, the woman's clothing took fire and the two were badly burned. The woman rushed out of the front door and jumped into a hole of water in the street near her home.

Varny Osterblad, Jr., who was passing the house at the time, saw the woman and assisted her in smothering the flames. Officer Eddie Wasmack was quickly on the scene and called Dr. Oscar Owen, who treated both the grandmother and the grandchild. Their condition is quite serious.

Married in Washington.

News was received in the city yesterday of the marriage in Washington Monday of Mr. Roland C. Eggleston and Miss Grace D. Reineke. They are from Swansboro, and are extremely well known. The bride resides near Forest Hill Park, while the groom lives in Swansboro, and is expected to return within a few days.

Verdict for Plaintiff.

In the Corporation Court yesterday afternoon the jury in the case of Mr. B. M. Robertson against J. E. Redford returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the amount sued for—\$397.71.

Robertson alleged that Mr. Redford owed him for lumber used.

Judge J. M. Gregory represented the plaintiff and Judge L. P. Pool was counsel for the defendant.

Personals and Briefs.

Miss Edna Coghill, who has been ill with typhoid fever for some time is recovering rapidly.

Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ingram are in Florida. Dr. Ingram will attend the meeting of Southern Railway Surgeons while away. He and Mrs. Ingram will visit Havana, Cuba, before their return.

Major and Mrs. Dillon will celebrate their twelfth wedding anniversary Thursday, March 22d.

Miss Kate Carroll, of this city, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. B. Luck, of Knoxville, Tenn., has been the recipient of much social attention while here.

COMING BACK TO-DAY.

Legislative Investigative Committee to Make Up Its Report.

The members of the special joint committee named by the two houses of the General Assembly to inquire into the alleged tampering with bills before that body will return to the city to-day or to-night, and will hold a meeting and formulate their report to the Attorney-General on the subject to-morrow.

The committee is composed of Delegates Churchman, of Augusta (chairman); Gregory, of New Kent, and Coleman, of Roanoke; Senators Wickham, of Henrico, and Niemeyer, of Portsmouth.

The stenographic report of the testimony has been transcribed by Mr. John G. Winston, of this city, and is now ready for publication.

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## SERMON OF HOPE TO BACKSLIDERS

Dr. Riley Opens Meeting at First Church With Fine Sermon on Repentance.

COURAGE NEED OF THE HOUR

This is Essential to Overcome the Cowardice of Sin—Peter's Denial of Christ.

Taking the downfall of St. Peter, when the weak but afterwards faithful apostle denied his allegiance to Christ, and ere the cock had finished crowing three times repented of his lack of faith, Dr. W. B. Riley, of Minneapolis, Minn., preached a sermon last night in the First Baptist Church that held the close and earnest attention of the large audience.

"Recovering of the Backslider" was the theme of the speaker, and so did he dwell on the erring of the great apostle, his bitter repentance later at the crowing

of the cock, and his unflinching faith and restoration afterwards, that never for a moment did the attention of the audience flag. The main auditorium of the church was crowded to its utmost capacity, many of the fellow ministers of the city being present.

In a powerful array of biblical facts, Dr. Riley pictured the downfall of St. Peter after his denial of his Lord and Master, of his defection immediately after and of his bitter repentance when he saw in its true light the awfulness of his deed. Peter had fallen out of communion with Christ; he had expected things of a temporal nature, and his hopes had been disappointed, so at the crucial moment of the test of his faith he had denied Christ, and then in a flood of tears and heart-rending repentance had gone back to the faith he had kept so long. It was the lesson of Peter's downfall, with its bitter consequences and its aftermath of faith, that Dr. Riley wished to inculcate in the hearts of his hearers. His chief point was that those who had experienced a like lack of determination to uphold the faith of better days and had fallen into the slough of despair and a later denial had the recovery of Peter to aid them in these moments of dark and anguished lack of faith.

For those who are backsliders in the principles of religion there remains the lessons of Peter's denial and after recovery. Peter had, as the speaker said, been termed, fallen from grace; he had gotten out of communion with his

Lord, yet in the bitter hours of his after return to the earlier faith he had repented from the depths of his soul, and had returned to the upholding and affirmation of his belief in Christ.

The Crucial Test.

Dr. Riley said man never knows whether he is a backslider until he comes to the point of the denial of Christ. Then comes the crucial test, the moment of wavering. Modern amusements, he said, offer causes for falling out of communion with Christ—seductions that chain their allurements for the passing hour draw men's feet from the way that leads to Christ and to peace. The ground of the enemy, he asserted, is accursed, and on it there never blooms the flower of righteousness, and therefore no reclamation for good is offered.

Christ, the preacher said, brings men to cowardice, fearing a scold and sneer in their standing for what is right and good. This cowardice must be replaced by courage, which is the great need of the hour. Peter had afterwards repented his cowardice and demonstrated his courage. So must the backslider, to-day repent of his former cowardice, return to courage, repent and be baptized.

Dr. Riley spoke optimistically, offering the hope that reclamation would bring

to those who would return to faith and assuring them that Christ is ever willing to receive the backsliders again into his fold.

First of His Meetings.

Dr. Riley arrived in the city from Minneapolis yesterday afternoon, and proceeded at once to the First Baptist Church, where he preached a sermon on "Soul Winning," which made a profound impression. He is a man of commanding presence, fluent speech and attractive personality. His church at Minneapolis is one of multiplied activities, aflame with evangelism, and always crowded with those who wish to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Dr. Riley will be in the study of the church this morning from 10 to 11 o'clock to hear persons inquiring about the principles of religion.

The singing last night by the large chorus choir under the leadership of Mr. Martin was excellent.

Services at Pine Street.

The meetings at Pine Street Baptist Church continue with great interest, and the church is crowded nightly. Last night Dr. Dudley, of Norfolk, preached a fine sermon from Hebrew 2:3: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

The house was crowded, and at the close, when the invitation was given, there were twelve or fifteen who came forward and confessed faith in Christ.

The meetings will continue this week, with prayer meeting at 7:30 and services at 8 o'clock each night.

At a meeting of the male members of Leigh Street Baptist Church, held Monday evening, important steps were taken looking toward the enlargement of the present church building.

The improvements will probably cost about \$12,000, and work will be begun as soon as possible.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. E. C. Garrison, C. O. Alley, F. L. Butler, H. W. Cottrell and C. H. Murray, was appointed to arrange for a mass meeting of the church to consider the plans.

Some of the speakers were Dr. M. A. Jones, Dr. James Buchanan, Mr. C. H. Murray, Mr. C. O. Alley and Dr. W. S. Beazley and others.

After the business session refreshments were served in the basement.

To Have More Room.

General John H. Fulton, Grand Commander of the Confederate Veterans of Virginia, has been in the city for several days on his way home from Florida.

General Fulton and Major Robert W. Hunter, secretary for military records, visited Governor Swanson and Colonel Richardson and secured their permissions for Major Hunter to use the room in the northeast corner of the House wing of the Capitol on the ground floor, as his office. Major Hunter is greatly crowded in his present quarters in the library, and he will move his office to the Capitol in a few days.

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